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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

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Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 228

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Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 129

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Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1423

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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1410

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Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1425

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Hongkong, May 11, 1895. 809

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Hongkong, July 22, 1895. 1334

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NOTICE.
WE have this Day authorized Mr.
HANS SCHUBART to SIGN our
Firm per Procuration.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton & Hongkong,
1st August, 1895. 1407
NOTICE.
MR. THOS. H. REID is authorized to
SIGN my Name in connection with
the Business of the 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
GEO. MURRAY BAIN.
July 1, 1895. 1314

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.
TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dol-
lars, current in this Colony, and weigh-
ing 7.17, in Exchange for STERLING
ELLIS, drawn at 10 days' sight, on the
London Commissioners of His Majesty's
TREASURY, LONDON, will be RECEIVED
by the DISTRICT PAYMASTER, Army Pay De-
partment, until 11 a.m., on TUESDAY,
the 6th August, 1895.
The Tenders to state the Total Amount
required (in Pounds Sterling), and the
Amount for which each Bill should be
drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums
less than £100.
The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in
Sealed Covers, addressed to the District
Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and en-
dorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."
The right to accept or reject any or all
of the Tenders is reserved.
G. K. MOORE,
MAJOR, A.P.D.,
Ay. District Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895. 1415
THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that at a
Meeting of the Directors of this
Company held at the Company's Office,
Consolidated House, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd
August, 1895, a RESOLUTION was made
upon all Members holding Ordinary Shares
of the Company, and that the same will be
PAYABLE to the SECRETARY at the Office
of the Company aforesaid, or to Messrs.
Sims & Co., the Company's Agents at
Singapore, on or before TUESDAY, 3rd
September, 1895.
And Notice is also given that, in accor-
dance with Clause 24 of the Company's
Articles of Association, if the sum pay-
able in respect of any CALL be NOT
PAID on or before the said 3rd Septem-
ber 1895, the Holder for the time being
of the Shares in respect of which the Call
shall have been made shall pay INTEREST
for the same, at the rate of TEN
DOLLARS PER ANNUM per annum from the
said 3rd September 1895, to the time
of the actual payment.
Shareholders are requested to note that
Sums must be sent in when paying Calls,
in Order that such Payments may be en-
dorsed thereon.
By Order of the Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1419
ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.
A General MEETING of this CLUB
will be held on WEDNESDAY, the
7th August, at 6 p.m., at the Hongkong
Club, when the Accounts for Last Season
will be passed and the Arrangements for
Next Season's Racing will be discussed.
Any Member wishing to propose a Re-
solution will please give Notice thereof to
the SECRETARY before the Meeting.

JOHN HASTINGS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1388
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.
PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of VENANCIO DE
ARANGUEZ Y LARANDA, late
of Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, Mercantile Marine Officer,
Deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that the
Honourable the Justice of the Peace
James H. Reid, in virtue of Ordinance No.
9 of 1870, Section 3, made an Order limiting
to the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 1895, the
time for Creditors and others to send in
their CLAIMS against the above Estate.
All Creditors are hereby required to
send in their CLAIMS to the Under-
signed before the said date.
Dated this 5th day of July, 1895.
VICTOR H. DEACON,
Solicitor for the Executor,
35, Queen's Road,
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Particulars, Address,
Mrs. STAINFIELD,
Proprietress.
Hongkong, January 8, 1895. 88

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN.
The Steamship
Kwangtung, Captain DAVENPORT, will be
despatched on FRIDAY,
the 3rd August.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1406
FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).
The Steamship
Shanghai, Captain TAYLOR, will be
despatched for the above
Port at Daylight on SUNDAY, the 11th
Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1419
GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR HAVRE AND LONDON, VIA
SUZUKI CANAL.
The Steamship
Glenfrank, Captain DAVENPORT, will be
despatched at 10 a.m. on
SATURDAY, the 17th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1400

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co's Steamship
Hailong, Captain HALL, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1403
SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship
Breconshire, Captain PEARSON, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 5th Instant, at Noon,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1397
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEEHO, TIENTSIN, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE).
The Co's Steamship
Taichang, Captain WILKS, will be
despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1420
FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
Lyceum, Captain G. HEVENHART,
will be despatched for the
above Port on TUESDAY, the 6th Inst., at
4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1414
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
The Company's Extra
Steamship
Dordogne, Captain A. BASSO, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI and KOBE,
on or about THURSDAY, the 8th Instant.
C. TOURNARE,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1417
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.
The Co's Steamship
Ningpo, Captain WARRIN, will be
despatched for the above
Port at Daylight on SUNDAY, the 11th
Instant.
For Freight, apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 29, 1895. 1299

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TUESDAY,
the 6th day of August, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at the Sales Room, Queen's Road, —
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
(For *Sturdy Accounts*),
TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,
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GLASS BOOK CASES and WRITING TABLE, DOUBLE and SINGLE LEON BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES with GLASS DOORS, CHEST of DRAWERS, DRESSING TABLES and MARBLE-TOP WARDROBES.
TERMS of SALE.—As a customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1402

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 324.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on **TUESDAY, the 6th day of August, 1895, at 4 p.m.,** are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th July, 1895. 1381

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on **TUESDAY, the 6th day of August, 1895, at 4 p.m.,** by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Remarks.
1 No. 1534	Yee Wo Inland Lot	100 ft. by 100 ft.	2 1/4	1,473

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 325.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on **WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of August, 1895, at 3 p.m.,** are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th July, 1895. 1390

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on **WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of August, 1895, at 3 p.m.,** by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, at Hok On, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Remarks.
1 No. 638	Kowloon Island Lot	100 ft. by 100 ft.	2 1/4	597

To Let.

TO LET.

From 1st September, 1895.

No. 2, ROBINSON ROAD (known as the BUNGALOW).

Apply to **DORAJEE NOWROJEE,** "NEW VICTORIA HOTEL."

Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1418

TO LET.

5-ROOMED BUNGALOW, at Kowloon.—Immediate Entry. Apply to **B. A. ERANEE.**

Hongkong, July 29, 1895. 1387

TO LET.

THE EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE, No. 27, CAUSEWAY, occupation from 1st September next.

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**

Hongkong, July 1, 1895. 1438

TO LET.

From 1st July.

No. 5, WEST TERRACE.

Apply to **G. C. ANDERSON,** 13, PRINCE CENTRAL.

Hongkong, May 31, 1895. 1028

TO LET.

Dwelling Houses.—

HOUSES in RIVER TERRACE, SECOND FLOOR, No. 1 and GROUND FLOOR of No. 2, BLUE BUILDINGS.

No. 12, KNOTFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

OFFICES.—FIRST FLOOR, No. 7, PRINCE CENTRAL, lately occupied by Messrs. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Apply to **THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.**

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 201

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1878, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on **MONDAY, the 5th August.**
For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. E. SANSOM,
p.p. Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
For the 'Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
EMILE MAYER,
Manager.
For the 'Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd., Hongkong,'
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1394

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on **MONDAY, the 5th August, 1895.**
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
B. C. T. GRAY,
Acting Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.
SHAW & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 31, 1895. 1206

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on **SATURDAY, the 10th day of August, 1895, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1895.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1353

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 27th instant to the 10th day of August, 1895, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1895.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1354

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on **MONDAY, the 12th day of August, 1895, at 12 Noon,** when the Subjunctive Resolution will be proposed, viz—

That the Capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares of \$50 each to \$200,000, divided into 20,000 shares of \$10 each; and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost to the extent of \$80 per share on each of the 34,117 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$50 to \$10 per share.

Should the above Resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1895.
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
1354

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, PRINCE CENTRAL, on **MONDAY, the 19th August, at 3 o'clock p.m.,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
B. COOKE,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, July 29, 1895. 1388

Hannay's

COMPOSITION

Coating Ship's Bottoms.

Used by—

Ocean S.S. Co.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Glen Line.

Cunard Line.

Allan Line, etc.

HARRY WICKING,

Agent for Hongkong & South China.

Hongkong, May 1, 1895. 515

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

APPROACHES TO HONGKONG.

THE BOKHARA ROCK BUOY has been REPLACED.

W. C. H. HASTINGS,*Acting Harbour Master, &c.*HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895. 1429

A TALKING MACHINE

CAN YOU CALL?

If so, Do so.

If not, TRY TO

A NEW SELECTION OF RECORDS

embracing Music by Celebrated

Singers, Comic and Sentimental Songs by

the Finest Talents, String and Lesler's

Orchestra.

Mr. RITCHIE will exhibit his 'PHONO-

GRAPH' at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on

MONDAY EVENING, 7 p.m. This is an

opportunity that should not be missed, as

an instrument that talks, and you can hear it

speak.

Four Selections for 50 Cents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1427

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of SIX

PER CENT. or \$1.20 per SHARE,

declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meet-

ing of Shareholders held this Day, will be

PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANG-

HAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after

TUESDAY, the 5th instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to

the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1430

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne

A.D. 1714.)

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,619,000.

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £774,016.

THE Underigned, having been appointed

Agents of the above Society in Hong-

kong, is prepared to issue POLICIES against

FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1421

FANCY MATTINGS, RATTAN CHAIRS

and BAMBOO BLINDS, &c.

For Sale at a Moderate Price.

Apply to **KWONG WOO ON,**

No. 53, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1426

TO LET.

5-ROOMED BUNGALOW 'RHEDA,'

BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to **CHINA MERCHANTS S. N. Co.,**

No. 22, PRINCE WEST.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1431

FOR KOBE.

The Steamship

Triton,

Capt. P. COHEN, will

be despatched for the above

Ports on MONDAY, the 5th instant, at

4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1392

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship

Lifan,

Capt. K. KOEHLER, will

be despatched for the above

Ports on MONDAY, the 5th instant, at

4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1424

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship

Chingta,

Capt. R. INNES, will

be despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed

to the Superior Accommodation offered

by this Steamship. First-class Saloon

is situated forward of the Engines.

A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the

supply of Fresh Provisions during the

entire voyage. A daily-qualified Surgeon is

carried, and the Vessel is fitted through-

out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1341

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

Thames,

Capt. P. COHEN, will

be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1428

FOR BALTIMORE.

The S/S A.L. Am. Barque

Frederick P. Litchfield,

Young, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1428

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong, 11 hours:—

ALBERTO, Brit. 4-masted barque, Captain

Robt. Coutts.—Standard Oil Company.

BELMONT, British barque, Capt. Ludd.—

Order.

LOED BRASSY, British barque, Captain

Gunning.—Standard Oil Co.

SIAM, German ship, Captain Garlicka.—

Melchers & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 2:—

Taichow, British steamer, 842, R. Carls,

Bangkok and Koh si-chang July 27, Gen-

eral.—YUN FAT HONG.

Yantai, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Wm. H. H.

Lunt, Shanghai July 3, General.—C. M.

S. N. Co.

August 3:—

Taichow, British steamer, from Canton.*Lifan*, German steamer, from Canton.*Lydenhorn*, Norwegian steamer, 2,014, B.

Hannemann, Kutchinotai (Japan) July 28,

Canton.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

Glenarney, British steamer, 1,943, J.

McGregor, Shanghai via Foochow, and

Saratoga August 2, 5 p.m., General.—JAK-

SON, MATTHEW & Co.

Ady, Danish steamer, 355, Hansen,

Akkio and Hoihow August 2, General.—

A. R. MARTY.

DEPARTURES.

August 2:—

Ady, for Haiphong.*Transit*, for Kutchinotai.*Centennial*, for Baltimore.*Arroyo*, for Singapore and Bombay.*Ady*, for Haiphong.*Fushun*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Hailong, for Swatow.*Longkang*, for Haiphong.*Frederick*, for New York.*Marie*, for Saigon.*Kong Beng*, for Swatow.*Glenarney*, for Shanghai.*Lubeck*, for Nagasaki.*Longkang*, for Amoy.

There are at present four 4-masted lumber schooners in Shanghai waters.

An experiment in camphor growing is likely to be made in Ceylon soon.

A CHILDREN'S Flower Service will be held in Union Church to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 4 p.m. The address will be given by Mr. J. Dyce Ball.

GERMANY is to have a Concession at Tientsin, below the present British Concession, and the news has given general satisfaction at that port. In this the Father-land's reward for the Liaotung interference?

No less than one hundred and twelve passengers left Shanghai by the Messageries steamer *Ozma* on the 28th July for Japan, this number including the Willard Opera Company.

On the 27th July, at Shanghai, the *Ozma* was nearing the Chinese man-of-war *Wan-tai*, the latter vessel ran up the French ensign at the main and fired a salute of nine guns. Rather an odd proceeding.

THE Post Office will be opened from 8 to 9 a.m. only on Monday, the 5th inst. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam-launch *Daypring*, carrying the Buthol flag, will call alongside any vessel hoisting cock pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church, returning about 12.30.

Our attention having been called to certain anomalies in the Hongkong courts, we have been making investigations, and so far have hardly found anything to justify the word "scandal." Still, there have been some what peculiar proceedings. Our enquiries are not yet complete.

A Public tea and entertainment will be held in Union Church on Monday (August Bank Holiday) commencing at 6 p.m. A most attractive programme has been arranged by the Hongkong Christian Endeavour Society. Dr. J. C. Thomson will occupy the chair.

This Children's Service at the Peak Church, which was prevented from being held last Sunday by the boisterous weather, will be held on Sunday next, at 4.45 p.m.; the Rev. Alfred Iliff will conduct the service. The Hymns will be Nos. 341, 193, 330 and 346.

We have been supplied with a copy of the accounts of the Aliso Memorial Hospital (Concert), held on the 27th July, from which we learn that the total income was \$497. Thanks to the admirable management of Mr. W. E. Crow, the expenses were kept low, and the handsome balance of \$450.35 remained for the benefit of the Hospital.

The British steamer *Taichow* (Capt. Curtis) which arrived from Kobe-ai-chang last night, reports that at 9.50 a.m. on the 2nd inst., in lat. 21° 10' N., long. 113° 9' E., she picked up a shipwrecked Chinese sailor.

He was clinging to the mainmast of a junk. On being taken on board the *Taichow*, he gave his name as Tan Tai Chye, and stated that he was a native of Peking. His junk, "Chan Mo Lee," of Yungkong, left Chupu on the 27th July, bound to Hoihow with a cargo of oil. She carried eighteen of a crew and two passengers. At mid-night of the 28th July, the junk foundered. The survivor and other two men clinging to the sail, which remained afloat, but on the 31st July the others became exhausted and dropped off. As may be imagined Tan Tai Chye was in a very exhausted condition when picked up by the *Taichow*, by the officers and crew of which he was treated with the greatest kindness. His escape was certainly miraculous.

This question of organising a detective force for Burma has been under consideration for some time past. The idea most in favour with the authorities in India is to keep the detective staff separate from the police and to recruit it from sources outside the police. They urge, with some truth, that the average policeman is recognizable in civilian garb and thus he would be of very little use in tracing old offenders.

NOTWITHSTANDING the commercial and strategic importance of Formosa, says the *Bombay Gazette*, we fail to see that any one has been made out by those who argue that Great Britain should have intervened to prevent its falling into Japanese hands. China's authority has been proved to be no safeguard for this key to our Far Eastern trade routes. It is far better that the strong and capable Power which has fought for and won the island should enter into its possession than that it should be left as an unstable Republic, inviting attack from foreign Powers, whose interests would be in a constant state of flux. No one can pretend that the present holders will ever adopt such a suicidal policy as to take advantage of the possession of Formosa to seek to hamper in any way European commercial relations with the Far East. Although deprived of some of the fruits of her victory, Japan is still flushed with the joy of her successes. But her pride and ambition receive a wholesome and needed check by a saving consciousness which tells her that she has her obligations to the world. The Government which has abandoned one prize at the request of third European Powers, is not likely to risk its hold of another, and more valuable trophy of war, by making its possession an instrument for taking unfair advantages over commercial rivals in the race for the Chinese markets.

RAUQUAY PIANOS—The finest in the World—touch and tone unequalled. Sole Agents, W. Robinson and Co.

In the interior of Australia is a series of great lakes, each occupied by water only at long intervals. The mud which remains when the water is about is filled with the bones of geological monsters.

The British barque *Atlantic*, which was on a voyage to New Zealand, put into Shanghai on the 25th July in distress, having been on the rocks at Shauwei Han. When she arrived in port she was making water at the rate of four inches and a half an hour.

WITHIN the past few days five cases of cholera have been reported to the Sanitary Department at Shanghai, says the *China Gazette* of the 27th July. On investigation, three cases only, all of which, however, ended fatally, proved to be true Asiatic cholera. Everything possible is being done to eradicate the disease from the settlements.

The entire population of the globe is upwards of 1,400,000,000, of whom 35,214,000 die every year; 96,430 every day; 4,020 every hour; 67 every minute; and 1 and a fraction every second. On the other hand, the number of people born every year is 10,800,000 every day; 4,200 every hour; 70 every minute; and 1 and a fraction every second.

ACCORDING to latest accounts from Tongchow, Dr. Sheffield is making only slow progress towards recovery. The stitching in the extensive wound over his kidneys had given way three times; and it is feared that he will permanently lose the use of his arms and legs. At best he can scarcely ever hope to be more than a helpless wreck. — *China Gazette*.

THE *Hepo* publishes a statement that there is considerable friction between the Roman Catholic converts of Chinchow, Hupoh, and the other natives, but that the local authorities were on the alert and a riot has been averted. From Shashi also come news that a certain foreign firm has been buying up considerable foreign land there in anticipation of the opening of Shashi as a treaty port.

A DESPATCH wired to Shanghai from Peking reports that the Governor of Hunan has requested permission to open a number of mines in that province, beginning first with a coal mine. Foreign machinery is declared to be essential to the success of the mines in question and this is the reason why the Board of Revenue has to be asked for permission to import it. The Emperor has left the decision to the Board.

AMONGST the passengers on board the P. and O. Company's steamer *Britannia*, which came into port yesterday afternoon from the Australian Colonies, says a recent *Colombo paper*, is the father of Captain J. L. Parfitt, the commander of the vessel, himself an old comrade in the P. and O. Company, who touched here thirty or forty years ago in the vessels of the Company. Captain Parfitt is going home after a stay in the Colony.

THE *Shensi* correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News*, writing from Hsiao on the 27th June, says that the Mohammedan rebellion is assuming serious proportions. It is difficult to ascertain facts but it is stated that there are now three distinct centres of very determined fighting. The utmost danger is in the Hsiao region. The horrors of the carnage of thirty years ago are fresh in the minds of natives and the Hsiao prefecture is becoming excitedly alarmed. The people in some counties are fleeing to the mountains and some cities are closed. From the four points of the compass the news is the same, simply disaster.

W. ROBINSON and Co. make a special feature of Selling Pianos and Organs on the Easy-Payment system.

In connection with the festivities at Kiel, the special Correspondent of the *Daily News* (London) says: "I cannot help mentioning the exertions of the hotel and ice-keepers of the city. Everything was as it was last year. Thirty and forty shillings per night were demanded, and had to be paid, for a most primitive room, with two beds, in a hotel of the third or fourth class. Drivers who usually earn two shillings per day demanded five and five-fold, and everything was in proportion. Kiel ought to open more markets and invite the world to the opening ceremonies. It would help the finances of Germany."

A STATEMENT has appeared that the Chinese gun of the Battery Regiment, which has been sent to the Malakand Kotai, is the first Maxim in India taking the 303 ammunition and using cordite. This is quite erroneous, says the *Pioneer Mail*. The gun is one of six which, we said some time ago, reached this country long before the Chinese Relief Force was mobilized. They are all 303 bore, and three of them have been already used in the campaign with cordite ammunition, giving excellent results. There are 46 more of the same pattern coming out, the idea being to give the 24 British Infantry regiments in the 1st and 2nd Divisions two guns each. No army in India will take the field in future without its complement of Maxims. In this connection it is interesting to note that in the recent war the Gurkha Division of the Japanese army alone had 60 machine guns.

Now that George Lohmann is back in England, says a London paper, we are not sure whether or not he is to be seen again in the Surrey valleys. According to report he is very well now, and he certainly could not have come home at a better time, the dry hot weather we are now enjoying being a great help to him. He played cricket at the Cape during the winter, and in a recent letter to a friend in London said he thought he could still bowl pretty well, but was not so sure about his batting. Even if he does not care to play much, it is to be hoped he will make at least one appearance at the Oval. His reputation will be something to remember. To other members of the Surrey team in this generation has gained quite the same popularity. Lohmann is a fine illustration of what natural talent can do at cricket without any long period of coaching. He went on to the Oval entirely unknown, and in a very brief space of time—only a few weeks—became a first-class player. He was on the point—was one of the best bowlers and holders in England.

Orders to increase of Business, W. Robinson and Co. have removed their Piano and Organ showrooms to Connaught House—large stock—low prices.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR That the Colony is sharing in the good things secured by the Straits Settlements.

That when I expressed the hope last week that Mr Chamberlain would have early occasion to consider this Colony in the matter of military contributions I had no idea the matter was so nearly approaching arrangement.

That if the Hongkong Government had taken the trouble to make the good news known at the earliest possible moment I would not have censured them for excess of zeal.

That it is not altogether correct, I am informed, to say that the Unofficial Members of Council have been favoured with a perusal of Lord Ripon's Despatch, though it will probably reach them in due course. That the first announcement came to some of the Unofficials through your columns, and, of course, they were agreeably surprised.

That the number of people who 'heard' it after your announcement is simply wonderful; they have similarly 'heard' that the Government will not tolerate the chopping of the British dollar.

That it is too soon to give a final pronouncement on the per centage proposed until the Despatch is published.

That I hear it suggested that the Colony should receive consideration for the losses it has sustained since the drop in silver commenced about five years ago.

That this suggestion arises from a belief that silver is on the rise and that the Colony is likely to lose some slight advantage from the rise.

That 'a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.'

That it is far better to have a fixed percentage than to be at the mercy of exchange fluctuations.

That since I mentioned an official who would not go away, there has been a flutter among the lowest.

That it appears several officials fancy themselves hurt thereby.

That I should be exceedingly sorry to hurt anybody's feelings.

That, all the same, it is useless trying to pretend that there are not some officials in this Colony who would be better off if it.

That to ignore this very palpable fact is an injustice to other men and a discouragement to genuine ability.

That to be thoroughly good-hearted and well-meaning is not enough.

That it is just the possession of these qualities which makes a critic's task all the more unenviable in pointing out the lack of other qualities.

That there are men, thorough gentlemen, honourable, painstaking, large-hearted, perfectly lovable characters, who are still ineffectual.

That the new name of 'sweetbox' has been coined for Hongkong by a kindly missionary.

That the weather—*Toujours* the weather—has certainly been trying of late.

That when I penned my last week's notes about the absence of rain and of fires, I did not expect that the Colony would so soon experience a gentle gale, deluges of rain and an epidemic of fires.

That an interesting astronomical event occurred the other week.

That I have not observed any description of the phenomenon from our expensive Kowloon Observatory.

That the Astronomers-Royal of India, Australia and the Cape keep the public well-informed on all such matters.

That, for the life of me, I cannot understand why the public of Hongkong should not be equally well posted.

That as far as the Hongkong Observatory is concerned all this Colony can do is to accept the valuable meteorological data collected from other sources, and pay up and 'look sweet.'

That it would popularise the institution if the servant of the public who presides over its destinies were to vouchsafe remarks of his 'star-gazing' operations to the public journals as soon after the event as possible, instead of bottling it up till it is ancient history.

That there is evidently a desire in high official circles to meet popular views halfway, and in this matter of the Observatory a little judicious handling might produce salutary effects.

That the new Philharmonic Society was floated the other day, but from all I hear unless there is more harmony developed the new body has entered upon a sea of troubles.

That the objection to receive as non-active members men of position, who would be only too glad to support a Society formed to foster high-class music, was obviously a blunder.

That a question whether it will be possible to maintain the new Society without external assistance.

That however enthusiastic the original members may be, it cannot be assumed that a changing population like Hongkong's that the enthusiasm will be maintained.

That the policy of delegating the fixing of the amount of subscription to the Committee is open to question.

That I shall advise the Committee to go slow or they will alienate the support of the most useful musical amateurs of Hongkong.

That I have seen many musical societies go to 'wreck and ruin' in Hongkong, and it is from a wish to see the present Society succeed that I make these suggestions.

That Dr. Kitchell's History of Hongkong has been put through the press, and will soon be laid to the public.

That, judging from the published excerpts, I am inclined to believe that the worthy Inspector of Schools has made a decided hit, and the book is likely to be well received.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

The half yearly meeting of this Company was held to-day in the Company's Office. The Hon. E. R. Bellios (Chairman), presided; there were present:—The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Messrs T. A. Gomes, J. Kramer, N. A. Seiba, Poon Pong (Directors); C. Tomlin (Acting Secretary); E. J. Michael, S. Rustomjee, G. B. Doodwall, E. J. Moses, Capt. S. W. Guggin, Geo. Fenwick, Chan Utsi, A. Danison, Kwok Wah, Wong Ping Lam, F. Henderson, R. S. Philpott, C. W. Richards, and Chan Chai.

The Acting Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as the report and accounts have been in your hands for some time, with your permission we will, as usual, take them as read. No doubt you will remember that, at our last meeting, I expressed the hope we should be able to present to you more favorable results for the ensuing half year, and I am glad to say the working does show an increase of a few thousand dollars. I am at the same time bound to admit that when compared with the same period of last year the result of the working does not appear quite so satisfactory, as the profits are some \$4,000 less. There have, however, been exceptional running expenses during the half year and exceptional circumstances reducing earnings. Thus, we have had to incur an outlay of \$2,000 for insurance against risks from the torpedo laid in the River, another \$2,300 for pilchage through the torpedo grounds; the enhanced price of coal accounts for that item of \$3,000, while remittance for marine insurance and extra expenses, incurred owing to the cargo coal strike, have increased our disbursements, which altogether amount to \$15,000 more than for the corresponding period of last year. Then the outbreak of plague at Macao, which induced the Hongkong Government to prohibit the entry of Chinese from that Colony, caused a decline in the receipts on that line which may safely be estimated at \$9,000. The strike of the cargo coolies also had a serious effect on our earnings. For two or three weeks, therefore, regard is had to these exceptional items of expense, the results laid before you must be deemed satisfactory, while the prospect for the future is still more encouraging.

That, in a conclusion, the torpedoed have been removed, the pilots will not be needed and the price of coal may be expected to fall with larger supplies from Japan; and, within the last few days, the restrictions regarding the incoming of foreigners from Macao of March and April last is only right to express our acknowledgments to the Government for the valuable assistance afforded to us by the permission to employ coolies to load coal lighters at the wharves over the river.

During that time, our officers and crew had much extra work thrown upon them, and it was with pleasure I record the fact that, owing to their cheerful exertions, we were able to deliver all the cargo brought down, without any delay, and the vessels perfectly ready for service with unbroken regularity. I am glad to be able to state that, after prolonged negotiations, an arrangement was come to about the middle of April last with the Chinese-owned steamers running on the River, and no doubt the result will be to our mutual benefit.

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The Directors thought it was only right to show the profit.

Mr Geo. Fenwick said that as far as he could see there was no prospect of the West River being opened up, and he suggested the return of \$5 per share to the shareholders. At present the Company had about 14 lakhs of dollars invested, yielding only 2 1/2 per cent per annum. If \$5 per share were returned it would still leave lakhs for the building of steamers or any other purpose. It would be remembered that Capt. Tillett referred to this subject about a year ago, and it was then said that there was a prospect of the West River being opened up, and the Directors wished to have a sufficient amount of money in hand to take advantage of the prospective new conditions.

The Chairman said that when he asked the subject was brought forward last year he asked the Captain Tillett to put his proposal in the form of a resolution, and he would then have a meeting to discuss it very carefully. If Mr Fenwick would do the same he could assure the shareholders the resolution would have the full and fair consideration of the Directors. For his own part he thought it would be foolish policy to return the money, and then when the Company wanted money for business purposes to go begging either by raising debentures or issuing new shares. Mr Fenwick had evidently made a mistake with regard to the interest received on the Company's investments. He had probably miscalculated the period, as the return on the investments amounted to a little over 6 per cent per annum.

There being no more questions, The Chairman moved and Mr Rustomjee seconded the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Agreed. Mr G. B. Doodwall proposed and Mr Fenwick seconded the election of the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving to the Directorate.

Agreed. THE CENTRAL MARKET CASUALTY.

An inquest on the body of a coolie killed by a fall in the Central Market on Wednesday was opened by Mr Wedhouse at the Magistrate's day.

Police constable MacDonald, no 72, said: I was walking along Queen's Road on the 31st July, not on duty. I saw a crowd of coolies in the road, near the Central Market. In the centre were two coolies struggling; one of them was bleeding from the head. I thought he had been stabbed. I made my way into the crowd and the crowd and the coolie who was bleeding the head of the man by the queue, seemed him of steel. I saw a pair of trousers; the cooler then had the trousers under his arm. The accused, who was a coolie, took him into the Central Market, looking for an Indian constable to take the coolie to the Central Station. When I reached the cross-passage, in the centre of the market, I stood a minute or two to look round for the Indian constable. I saw a coolie round the corner, and I told them to go away, and they went. As the Indian did not come, I walked along the cross-passage towards the stair which leads down to Jubilee Street. A crowd of coolies about the head of the stair ran off as I approached.

The stair, which is one way towards the Praya; the coolies proceeded in different directions. When I got to the head of the stair I saw a coolie lying at the stair-foot, towards Queen's Road. I went down to see what was wrong. The coolie said he had fallen down, and on examining him he found his head damaged. There was a deep cut across the skull and another over the left eye, and he was insensible. I had to leave him and go to the Central Station. I had originally intended to go to the hospital, but I was not sure if he was not dead when I took him to hospital, but insensible. The reason why I wanted the man to take the first coolie to the hospital was that I was in a hurry to get to the station. I was in a hurry to get to the station. I was in a hurry to get to the station.

I found him dead. I suppose it was my own fault. I was not rushing at them, nor suddenly to them at all, but simply looking for the Indian and walking slowly. My pri-ner was not struggling with me. I never thought the deceased, was not near him. I never thought the deceased, was not near him. I never thought the deceased, was not near him.

San On, a coolie from Singapore, said:—I was arrested by a policeman three days ago in Queen's Road, on a charge of stealing. He took me into the market, and stood there a few minutes looking about. There were some coolies at the head of the stairway; I did not see them at the steps as I went. The policeman did not strike or kick or maltreat anybody in any way all the time. I did not see how the man was hurt. The policeman did not drive the crowd away violently.

Mr Sing, sweeper of the Central Market, said:—He was my brother. He was sweeping the stairs in the market with me on the 31st July, when a European in plain clothes came towards us. I saw him arrest a man. After arresting the man, the European took him to the stair-foot, and I saw a severe kick. When I saw him fall, I went down, and took him up in my arms. He was speechless, and bleeding from the nose. There were two of my friends near; I told them to stand by my brother while I went up to the station to report.

Adjourned to Tuesday.

REUTERS'S TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

RUSSIA AND BULGARIA. It is semi-officially announced in St. Petersburg that the feeling in Russia towards the Bulgarian people is friendly, but that Russia can never enter into relations with the usurper Ferdinand.

OBITUARY. Sir Thomas Wade is dead.

We take the following brief biographical notice from *Men and Women of the Times*:—Wade, Sir Thomas Francis, K.C.B., G.M.G., elder son of Colonel Thomas Wade, U.S., born about 1820, entered the army as Ensign in the 81st Foot in 1839, and served in the 42nd Highlanders and the 93rd Foot, from which he retired as Lieutenant in 1847. In 1845 he was appointed Interpreter to the garrison of Hongkong, and in 1847 Assistant Chinese Secretary to the Customs, or the Chinese Government. In 1855 he was appointed Chinese Secretary at Hongkong, and in the same year he was sent by the late Sir John Bowring on a special mission to Oochin Choo. Owing to his familiarity with the native character and language, he was attached to Lord Elgin's mission to China in 1857-58, and in the last-named year he was appointed

Chinese Secretary to our Mission in China. In this capacity he accompanied Lord Elgin's Special Mission to Peking in Oct., 1860. In 1861 he was nominated a C.B. (Civil Division); in the following year he became Chinese Secretary and Translator to the British Legation in China, and was acting Chargé d'Affaires at Peking, from June, 1864, to Nov., 1866, and again from Nov., 1869, to July, 1871, when he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary and Chief-Superintendent of British Trade in China. He was advanced to the rank of K.C.B. in Nov., 1876, for his exertions in negotiating important treaties with the Chinese Government, and obtaining trading facilities in that empire. He retired on a pension in 1883. In 1889 he was made a G.M.G. Sir Thomas Wade is the author of 'Tzu

